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Dear Ms. Michael,

Pursuant to IC 4-22, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 15-372 proposed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration ("FSSA"). The proposed rule adds 405 IAC 1-8-5 and 405 IAC 1-10.5-7 to implement an assessment fee on certain hospitals. This rule amendment implements the assessment fee and reimbursement methodology changes authorized by Public Law 205-2013, SECTION 214 (codified at IC 16-21-10). The hospital assessment fees will be used to cover the non-federal share of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments as well as to increase Medicaid inpatient and outpatient payment rates to the aggregate level of reimbursement that would be paid under Medicare payment principles. These statutory changes are effective July 1, 2013 and continue through June 30, 2017. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

The economic impact statement prepared by FSSA states the economic impact on small business will vary by hospital. The economic impact on a hospital will depend on the amount of the hospital's assessment fee and Medicaid inpatient and outpatient payments. OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 317.232.5679 or [ombudsman@osbe.in.gov](mailto:ombudsman@osbe.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Scheub".

Erik Scheub